

BEFORE THE DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
STATE OF UTAH

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IN THE MATTER OF TENTATIVE  
DECISION TO APPROVE A MINING  
AND RECLAMATION PLAN FOR  
STAR STONE QUARRIES, INC.  
HEBER QUARRY,  
WASATCH COUNTY, UTAH

NOTICE OF TENTATIVE  
DECISION TO APPROVE  
NO. M/051/001

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THE STATE OF UTAH TO ALL OPERATORS, TAKERS OF PRODUCTION,  
MINERAL AND ROYALTY OWNERS, AND PARTICULARLY ALL PERSONS  
INTERESTED IN SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 6 EAST, SLBM,  
WASATCH COUNTY, UTAH.

Notice is hereby given by the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining of its tentative decision to approve the Mining and Reclamation Plan for Star Stone Quarries, Inc.'s Heber Quarry. Mining activities will affect the following area: West ½ of the Southeast 1/4, and the East ½ of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 6, Township 4 South, Range 6 East, SLBM, Wasatch County, Utah.

Star Stone Quarries, Inc. has submitted a permit application to expand their existing small mining operation to a large mining operation. The operator will employ the following mining and reclamation techniques on approximately 15 acres of land.

**During Operations:**

Stone is quarried from benches cut into the nugget sandstone using approximately 10-foot lifts. Several pits are located within the project area which vary in the quality of the stone. Stone is excavated and spread on the quarry floor, where work crews split and stack the stone on pallets for shipping. A portable crusher will be used to seasonally crush waste rock for decorative stone and road base materials. The operator has obtained the necessary permit for the crusher from the Utah Division of Air Quality. Where available, topsoil is salvaged and stockpiled for future reclamation prior to quarry development. Fuel for equipment is stored on site in above-ground tanks. Secondary containment with a 110% capacity is in place for spill prevention. The property is not fenced; however, public access is limited by locked gates and signs.

After Operations:

Reclamation of this site will consist of removal of all structures and mining equipment, reducing any remaining highwalls to less than 45 degrees, and regrading all waste dumps to a 2H:1V slope or less. All garbage and debris will be hauled to a county landfill. Road and pad surfaces will be ripped to eliminate compaction. Pit floors will be covered with 2 feet of fines. All areas will have topsoil or substitute topsoil applied at a 6-inch depth from the salvaged topsoil stockpiles or from a nearby borrow area. All regraded and soiled areas will be amended with ten ton per acre of composted manure and seeded with a seedmix that has been developed to meet the postmining land use of grazing and wildlife habitat. The property will be appropriately signed, warning the public of any potential dangers at the site.

The person representing the company is Mr. Lon Thomas; Phone (801) 262-4200. Star Stone Quarries, Inc. is fulfilling obligations under the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act of 1975, Utah Code Ann. §40-8-18.

Any person or agency aggrieved by this tentative decision to issue approval is hereby requested to submit written protest within thirty (30) days of the date of publication to Pamela Grubaugh-Littig, Acting Associate Director of Mining, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, 1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210, Box 145801, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801, setting forth factual reasons for the complaint. If no responsive written protests are received by the Division within 30 days after the last date of publication, the tentative decision of the Division will be final.

DATED THIS 14th day of September, 2000

STATE OF UTAH  
DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING



Lowell P. Braxton  
Director

## CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice of Tentative Approval for Star Stone Quarries, Inc.'s Heber Quarry project (M/051/001) to be sent via facsimile, electronic mail and/or mailed by first class mail, postage prepaid, the 14th day of September, 2000 to:

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